

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image forming apparatus, comprising:
 - an image bearing body that bears an electrostatic latent image formed thereon;
 - a developing unit that supplies a developer material to said image bearing body to develop the electrostatic latent image into a visible image;
 - a transfer unit that transfers the visible image onto a print medium;
 - a developer-removing blade in contact with said image bearing body to remove a residual amount of the developer material on said image bearing body;
 - wherein the developer material has substantially spherical particles and has a compressibility in the range of 30 to 55, the compressibility in percentage being given by

$$A = \{(D1 - D2) / D1\} \times 100 \quad (\%)$$
 where A is compressibility, D1 is aerated bulk density, and D2 is packed bulk density.
2. The image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said developer-removing blade has a longitudinally extending edge in contact with said image bearing body.
3. The image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said developer-removing blade has a resilience in the range of 15 to 40% and is in contact with said photoconductive drum with the a line pressure in the range of 3 to 8 gf/mm.
4. The image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said developer-removing blade has a resiliency in the range of 20 to 35% and is in contact with said photoconductive drum with a line pressure in the range of 3 to 8 gf/mm.